



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: December 2, 2010

Chairman: Robert Schaaf
Others Present: Brown, Glover, Marshall, Nicolson, Rice
Absent: Gordon, Marquez, Smith
City Staff: Aaron Klemm
Commission: None
Public: None
Guests: None

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the November 4, 2010 meeting, as moved by Schaaf, seconded by Rice.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Informational Items:

Bo Glover spoke about the Environmental Nature Center, whose mission is "Quality Education Through Hands On Experience With Nature."

The center specializes in K through 6 educational programs, with 16,000+ visitors in 2009.

The ENC is the only Leed Platinum building in Orange County, and Glover spoke about the requirements, process, and benefits of such designation.

V. Action Items:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Updates and Announcements

Executive committee members will meet with Lori Payne, Public Relations Officer, on Wednesday, November 10th, at 2:00 pm to arrange getting EB presentations on HBTv.

B. MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

1. Murdy Commons Mixed Use

This project is part of the previously-studied Beach-Edinger Specific Plan.

Traffic/Air quality impact will be substantial

Marquez expresses concern over cumulative traffic impact. Concern is shared by full board.

Public comment closes December 20, 2010, but there are 2 study sessions with the Planning Commission in January. Hearing on matter scheduled for February 8, 2011 for EIR certification.

Brown will draft letter for board.

2. Magnolia Tank Removal

Board supports, but recommends testing surrounding soil for lead paint residue. Board supports subsequent surface and subsurface soil testing, as all problems cannot be ascertained until tanks are removed.

C. FIELD TRIPS

1. Landfill

Landfill tour on November 19, 2010 went well.

2. Shipley Nature Center

Tour is still tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 10:00 am.

D. GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE (Smith, Gordon, Marshall)

Committee has not met.

SCE Update

SCE Regional Grant is now \$2.2 million. Edison is funding "Local Government Management Services Program."

Solar Update

No update on the sale of bonds, but the HB Solar project is moving forward.

Planning dept. has noted an "uptick" in solar applications in HB.

E. COMMUNICATIONS (Glover/Rice/Marquez/Smith)

Rice and Smith are interested in feedback regarding the New Member Orientation materials.

Marketing and Visitors Bureau - New brochure coming in the next couple of months.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (Marshall/Marquez/Schaaf)

The Board voted unanimously (moved by Rice, seconded by Marshall) to present the following awards:

1. Organization Award, to Shipley Nature Center;
2. Individual Award, to the Kadota Family.

VI. Administrative Items

A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements -

None.

B. Requests to Place Items on the Next Agenda

Nicolson suggests an EB Facebook page. The subject will be discussed with Lori Payne at the executive committee meeting and discussed at the January board meeting.

VII. Good and Welfare

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned approximately 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on January 6, 2011 in room B7.